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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Kindly preliminarily amend the above-identified
application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following amended claim for
corresponding claim previously presented. A copy of the
amended claim showing current revisions is attached.

23. (Amended) The method according to claim 22
wherein said compound is a matrix metaloproteinase or a
serine protease.

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